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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Takeshi Higuchi
Serial No. :
Filed : Concurrently
For : MECHANISM FOR PREVENTING
PROPAGATION OF DRIVING MOTOR
NOISE AND VIBRATION ON A TAPE
DECK, AND TAPE DECK HAVING SAME
Examiner :
Art Unit :
Docket : M1717-18



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant discloses information of which he is aware, as identified more fully in the attached Form PTOL - 1449, which is believed material to the examination of this application.

This disclosure is being made under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1).

It is believed that this information does not render the claimed invention unpatentable, but is submitted pursuant to applicants' duty of candor, and in the interest of bringing all potentially relevant information to the attention of the Examiner.

Regarding the cited references, applicants comment as follows:

Japanese U.M. Publication 59117284 (published application) is described in the specification of the application on pages 1 and 2.

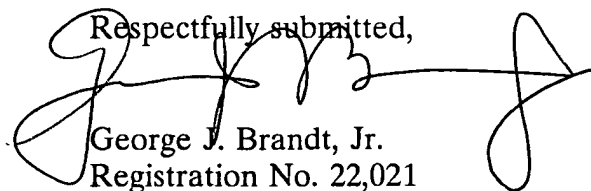
Japanese Publication 06178520 discloses a manner of connecting a capstan motor to a tape deck main printed board.

Japanese Publication 06187693 discloses a tape deck mount made of a resin member.

It is thought that the noted prior art item does not show or make obvious the claimed invention.

A copy of each noted item of prior art is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. J. Brandt, Jr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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